

# FAM committee meeting APPROVED MINUTES – RAINI BOWLES’S FORMAT

**NOTE: DECISIONS/ACTIONS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN GRAY**

*These meeting notes were provided by the FAM or ICAT subcommittee to inform the members of Interagency Governance Team (IGT).*

**DATE:** May 25, 2023

- **Welcome & Introductions - Roll Call – In attendance:**

Raini Bowles	x	Candace Falsetti		Michelle Batten	x	Tricia Ellinger	x
Ashley Porter	x	Nicole Gaylin	x	Parker Luce		Madeline Titelbaum	
Dori Boyle	x	Jill Mathews	x	Penny Fisk	x	Wendy Margolis	x
Brittany Shipley		Jose Martinez	x	Tracie Boyer	x	Patty Puschmann	x
Brent	x	Allison from IPUL	x	Jenna Tetrault, Medicaid	x		

- **Introductions and mention of special guests Ashley Porter and Jenna Tetrault**
- **Approval of April meeting notes** (Informal)
  - Approved
- **Youth Voice / Survey results (Raini Bowles)** – Went over survey results
- **Introduce the monthly YES partner presenting today: Ashley Porter and Jenna Tetrault on YES Program Stakeholder Engagement**
  - Jenna introduced herself and what she does for Medicaid. Both Jenna and Ashley shared a PowerPoint including info on what YES is, how Medicaid works in relation to YES, Medicaid eligibility, and upcoming public Medicaid meetings.
  - **Questions or comments?**
  - **Raini asked about the main questions parents tend to be asking Medicaid. Ashley replied,** the main questions parents are asking is if they need YES program eligibility to be eligible for Medicaid... For instance, some already have foster care status. The answer comes with the questions, are they meeting the income limits? Do they need respite? Another question from parents is, how can we connect with support partners? **Nicole said** another question from parents is, “What is the next step after a Liberty assessment is completed?” **Ashley replied,** the answer is basically that Medicaid will update the system w/ results from Liberty. Though the parent will need to find someone to create the care centered plan. Please contact Optum or Medicaid (a letter is sent to you as well) about this. And, if you’re new to Medicaid, please call Medicaid to apply.

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**Raini asked:** Are there many families w/out a Serious Disturbance? **Ashley said,** there are not many w/ zeros on the CANS.

**Raini asked:** IS CBRS available for those who have Medicaid? **Ashley replied,** if you're on Medicaid you can access CBRS, you don't have to be a part of YES. However, for respite you do need to be a part of YES to access that kind of service through Medicaid.

**Allison said:** Regarding what happens when a parent can't find a provider, we are working on finding solutions. Also, something that has been coming up are dual diagnosed kiddos (DD and YES). If a family's income is too high, they might be able to do the Katie Beckett route, but there are some complexities with that, so being part of YES can be helpful. **Ashley:** Yes, though everyone's situation is different. Agrees, we are working to help everyone get the help they need. Also, please reach out to us if you can't find a provider. We can try to help with out-of-network providers, transportation, etc. Contact Medicaid about this, we will try to assist.

**Brent via chat:** I have been told that the 529 and Coverdell don't count as resources.

**Ashley's reply:** I will follow up on that and reach out to the group (will send to Wendy to send out to the group). **Raini added:** If you could explain what the 529 is as well when you follow up on that, it would be helpful.

- **Raini announcement:** She's paring down responsibilities, will be stepping down as FAM Chair. Michelle Batten of FYIdaho will look for someone to take Raini's role.

We will not have a meeting in June.

The presenting partner for the July meeting will be Alison of IPUL. Michelle said she thinks there are enough DD families that it's a relevant topic for a FAM.

- **Review resources for FAM** - Invite flyer, QRs, weblinks ([www.aplacetoshine.org](http://www.aplacetoshine.org)), and spreading the word
- **Family Questions/Comments/Ideas?**
- **Next month's partner announcement:** Alison of IPUL
- **Upcoming meeting ideas and collaboration:** Next meeting will be on July 27, 2023.
- **Adjourn**

